Presenting someone else’s work as your own is a serious and substantial breach of academic integrity. There are a range of penalties, and these can include exclusion from the university. Even though this was the first breach by the student, the issue was escalated by the Unit Coordinator to the Head of the School. The Head of School awarded a fail grade for the whole unit. Feedback was given to the student as well as strategies to improve her academic research and writing skills.

I made a big mistake in buying an assignment and I’ll never do that again. Repeating the unit will set me back at least a semester. I understand now that university work can be hard but that’s part of learning. I feel so ashamed. I have let myself and my family down. People will always question my integrity now.